



## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

### NATIONAL SITUATIONAL REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-16, current as of 1600hrs  
REPORT No. 005  
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#### KEY POINTS

- The Emerson POE has reopened.
- Two suspicious packages were sent to political offices in Liverpool, NS and Little Brook, NS.
- The trailer stolen in Peterborough over the weekend has been recovered, along with a large quantity of firearms.
- Police are distributing messaging to the demonstrators in the downtown core advising them to leave the area.
- Events across the country are being planned for the upcoming weekend, 2022-02-19.
- Additional convoys have been reported to be on route to Ottawa.

#### EMERGENCIES ACT

- There is a new movement calling for decentralized protesting during the 'Freedom Week', <which is reported to commence on 2022-02-21 as a way to counter the Emergencies Act.<sup>1</sup> CIG OSINT identified two posts on **Personal Info. s.37** suggesting that everyone, throughout Canada and worldwide should take a week off from 2022-02-21 to 2022-02-27 and either plan to join the movement in Ottawa or spend time with their family.<sup>2</sup>

#### C DIVISION

- The Sureté du Québec (SQ) have reported that approximately 20 convoys are in the province but are not obstructing any critical infrastructure at this time.<sup>3</sup>
- The demonstration at the Lacolle POE scheduled for 2022-02-16 has been cancelled. The SQ has created a nearby checkpoint.<sup>4</sup>
- A convoy of approximately 20-50 participants from St-Jérôme, QC is reportedly departing for Ottawa on 2022-02-19.<sup>5</sup>

#### D DIVISION

- The Emerson POE has re-opened.<sup>6</sup>
- The demonstration at the Manitoba Legislature is ongoing. Organizers at this location have made an announcement on demobilizing after the Premier has committed to easing some of the restrictions.<sup>7</sup>
- Reporting is suggesting that another large truck convoy moving from Western Canada is believed to be en route to in support of the Ottawa demonstrations. This group is anticipated to arrive in the Winnipeg, MB on 2022-02-16. The RCMP is actively monitoring the situation.<sup>8</sup>

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## F DIVISION

- The RCMP has learned that convoy supporters are planning to arrive at the North Portal POE on 2022-02-16 and 2022-02-17 and stay for up to 7 days. It was reported that approximately 115 vehicles will be arriving on 2022-02-16. North Portal is the only 24-hour POE in Saskatchewan. Two checks points will be set up nearby. South District is in the process of confirming that the individuals have the permission of a local land owner to be in an area that is off the highway and on private land. The RCMP has activated its DEOC and South District has set up a local Command Centre.<sup>9</sup>

## H DIVISION

- Two suspicious packages were sent to political offices in Liverpool, NS and Little Brook, NS. The RCMP Southwest Nova Scotia Major Crime Unit are coordinating the carriage of the files and the Explosives Disposal Unit have been engaged. The packages will be examined by the Forensic Identification Services to determine if there is a presence of noxious substance. The RCMP is working with the Halifax Regional Police (HRP) and the investigation is ongoing.<sup>10</sup>
- A three day Freedom Convoy is being coordinated to depart in Greenwood, NS from 2022-02-19. The convoy is expected to visit Greenwood, Digby, Yarmouth, Bridgewater, Halifax, Sheet Harbor with the intent to reach Enfield on 2022-02-21. The number of participants is unknown at this time.<sup>11</sup> They have been encouraged to use the Cello downloadable Application under the name "NSFF Freedomin" (described as a "Walkie Talkie" type application).<sup>12</sup>
- The Legislature remains closed to visitors. No demonstrations are scheduled or expected at this time.<sup>13</sup>

## NATIONAL DIVISION

- Tension has escalated after the RCMP met with Convoy leaders on 2022-02-16.
- CIG OSINT identified a live stream on the Facebook page **Personal Info.** calls on all police officers to stand down and join the movement. He also claims to know police plans.<sup>14</sup>
- The noise injunction that came into effect on 2022-02-06 for another 60 days.<sup>15</sup>
- As of 14h45rs on 2022-02-16, approximately 20 demonstrators are reported to be on Parliament Hill and approximately 100 on Wellington.<sup>16</sup>
- The current count is between 400 and 450 vehicles in the downtown core and on Wellington.<sup>17</sup>
- Police resources are currently distributing messages to the demonstrators in the downtown core advising them to leave the area.<sup>18</sup>

## O DIVISION

- The trailer stolen in Peterborough over the weekend has been recovered, along with a large quantity of firearms that were inside it.<sup>19</sup> Peterborough police, along with the manufacturer, will be going through the items to determine if anything is still missing.<sup>20</sup> At this time, no nexus has been established to the ongoing demonstrations.<sup>21</sup>

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*Windsor (Ambassador Bridge)*

- The POE is open and traffic flow as normal. A total of 44 arrests have been made, and a total 88 charges ranging from Breaching a Court Order to Mischief Over \$5000.<sup>22</sup>

*Niagara (Peace Bridge)*

- Members of the Facebook group “Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022” are discussing holding a convoy on 2022-02-19. Details have not been released.<sup>23</sup>

*Thunder Bay*

- Information suggests that a demonstration may occur in the near future at border crossing(s) in the area. The date is unknown at this time.<sup>24</sup>

*Sudbury/Sault Ste. Marie*

- A convoy coming from Sudbury/Sault Ste. Marie is reported to stop in Arnprior, ON at 1600hrs on 2022-02-16, on its way to Ottawa. The number of participants is unknown at this time.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-16, 1000 hours

<sup>2</sup> PIU CIG Update 160, 2022-02-16 8h49

<sup>3</sup> TR: MISE À JOUR 11:00\_2022-02-16, 2022-02-16 12h18

<sup>4</sup> TR: MISE À JOUR 11:00\_2022-02-16, 2022-02-16 12h18

<sup>5</sup> Sit Rep #145: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-16

<sup>6</sup> Update #5 – Blockade at Emerson Border Crossing now cleared/Se mise à jour : Fin du blocus au poste frontalier d’Emerson

<sup>7</sup> Situation Report - Manitoba Freedom Convoy Support Demonstrations - 2022-02-16 (0900hrs)

<sup>8</sup> Situation Report - Manitoba Freedom Convoy Support Demonstrations - 2022-02-16 (0900hrs)

<sup>9</sup> Situation Report - F Div Sit Rep 2022-026 NOC - North Portal POE Protest, 2022-02-16 15h42

<sup>10</sup> Situation Report - "Freedom Convoy" Protest Events and Suspicious Packages, Nova Scotia, 2022-02-16 13h29

<sup>11</sup> Situation Report - "Freedom Convoy" Protest Events and Suspicious Packages, Nova Scotia, 2022-02-16 13h29

<sup>12</sup> FEDERAL POLICING JOINT INTELLIGENCE GROUP – “H” Division Daily Information Report, 2022-02-16 15h10

<sup>13</sup> Situation Report - "Freedom Convoy" Protest Events and Suspicious Packages, Nova Scotia, 2022-02-16 13h29

<sup>14</sup> Sit Rep #144: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-16

<sup>15</sup> <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-police-hand-out-leaflets-warning-downtown-protesters-to-leave-1.5783044>

<sup>16</sup> Sit Rep #145: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-16

<sup>17</sup> Sit Rep #144: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-16



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<sup>18</sup> Sit Rep #145: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-16

<sup>19</sup> <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/trailer-full-of-guns-stolen-from-peterborough-ont-found-unclear-if-any-firearms-still-missing-1.5783360>

<sup>20</sup> <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/trailer-full-of-guns-stolen-from-peterborough-ont-found-unclear-if-any-firearms-still-missing-1.5783360>

<sup>21</sup> Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022, 2022-02-16 12h31

<sup>22</sup> Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022, 2022-02-16 12h31

<sup>23</sup> RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-16, 1600 hours

<sup>24</sup> Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022, 2022-02-16 12h31

<sup>25</sup> Sit Rep #145: Freedom Convoy 2022- National Capital Region 2022-01-28 to 2022-02-16